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*Projects under construction**Progress made*

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| (i) Kabini | Works are in brisk progress. Cumulative expenditure to end of November 1969 is Rs 519.44 lakhs ; |
| (ii) Hemavathy | Works are in progress and cumulative expenditure to end of November 1969 is Rs. 200.38 lakhs ; |
| (iii) Harangi | Tenders have been invited for foundation excavation and partial masonry works ; |
| (iv) Suvarnavathy | Works are in brisk progress and the cumulative expenditure to end of November 1969 is 134.11 lakhs. |

Projects just started

- (i) Gundal.
 (ii) Manchanabele.
 (c) Kabini project was started in December 1959.

The Left Bank embankment is under completion. The masonry overflow and non-overflow sections have come up above river bed level. Right Bank embankment work is in progress as also the Right Bank irrigation sluices. The left bank irrigation sluice is completed. Left Bank canal work is started.

The amount spent during 1968-69 is Rs. 110.38 lakhs.

- (d) Every effort will be made to complete them, or to bring them as near completion as possible, by 1974.

Modifying the system of Levy of Water Rate

432. Sri B. GANGANNA (Kallambella).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Government has thought of modifying the system of levy of water rate, on average crop basis, in the aahkats of all minor and medium irrigation projects and tanks ;

(b) if so, the manner of levy of water rate and effecting the collection of the same ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to clause (a).

Distribution of Papers unconnected with the Agenda to the Members

Sri. H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihara).—I rise to a Point of Order. Before stating my Point of Order, there are one or two things which I would like to bring to your kind notice. As soon as I came, I asked for a ear-phone, but I have not been able to get it upto this time. I cannot hear whatever you talk. Kindly arrange for a ear-phone. The second thing is, no messenger is to be found anywhere here. Kindly see that a messenger is provided for the convenience of members sitting on this side.

The other point is, in the Order Paper that you have sent today I find one letter said to have been given by the Bangalore Pura Samithi. I do not know whether you are acting as a messenger of Bangalore Pura Samithi. It is said to be a memorandum presented by the Bangalore Pura Samithi on behalf of the Pure-silk Handloom weavers. Normally such papers would never be sent along with the papers sent by your office. I would like to know whether it is sent by your office or by a private individual. I do not know how this paper has come here. It is quite detrimental to the interests of the mulberry growers and cocoon rearers. It is meant for those who are middlemen. There is an enactment namely Silk Control Order,—Regulation of Production, Supply and Distribution (Amendment) Act, 1969, which has received the assent of the President on 16th October 1969. But, to this day, this Government have not given effect to it on the plea that rules have not been framed. Exactly the same tactics which they employed when the Regulated Market Act was passed, have been employed here also. That means, this Government is here only to protect the interests of the vested interests, the capitalists and the middlemen, but not the growers. The Minister concerned has to make a statement on this point, because he is entirely responsible for protecting the interests of the growers. Lakhs of rupees have been given to the growers by way of subsidy. I would like to know how this memorandum has been circulated to us by putting it along with the agenda papers that have been supplied to us. I request the Leader of the House, who is here, to send for the growers also and hear them before a decision is taken primarily in the interests of the growers.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—Sir, in addition to what hon. Member Sri Siddaveerappa has said I would like to know whether notices, memorandum etc., are to be included along with the list of business etc., and if it is so, I would like you to see that any notices, memorandums, petitions etc., we give are also to be included along with